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SUBJ : NOMINATION FOR TQ IV GRANT TO MALLAM MAIDAMMA

REF : A) LAGOS 10022 B) LAGOS 10143 C) STATE 218129

1. AS INDICATED REF.B., POST SUBMITS PART I NOMINATION INFO ON
MALLAM MAIDAMMA AS FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME : MALLAM UMAR MAIDAMMA

PRESENT POSITION: JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT, KANO, KANO STATE

PAST POSILIONS: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION, SOKOTO:
CHIEF MAGISTRATE, 1971;
SENIOR MAGISTRATE, 1970;
MAGISTRATE, 1965

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: 1932; YABO, SOKOTO STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIA: NONE PREVIOUS

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO US: NONE

PREVIOUS TRAVEL OTHER COUNTRIES: U.K. 1961

PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NONE

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ESCOURT SERVICES : NOT REQUESTED

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: AS HIGH COURT JUSTICE IN KANO, MALLAM

MAIDAMMA IS ONE OF TOP LEGAL

AUTHORITIES IN STATE. HE HAS HELD THIS POSITION SINCE JULY WHEN HE WAS GIVEN APPOINTMENT IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS IN SOKOTO STATE WHERE HE SERVED FOR A TIME AS ACTING JUSTICE HIGH COURT. JUSTICE MAIDAMMA IS HIGHLY RESPECTED PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY BY COLLEAGUES AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS. HE IS EXPECTED TO RISE TO GREATER POSILIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN NIGERIA'S LEGAL SYSTEM IN YEARS AHEAD.

OBJECTIVE OF US VISIT: JUSTICE MAIDAMMA IS EAGER FOR

EXPERIENCE OF VISITING U.S. TO OBSERVE

CULTURE GENERALLY AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN ACTION IN PARTICULAR. A VISIT TO U.S. WOULD BROADEN HIS VISION OF THE DYNAMICS OF AMERICAN CULTURE AT A PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TIME, DURING PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. THIS SHOULD HAVE PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE FOR MALLAM MAIDAMMA AS NIGERIA MOVES TOWARD RESTORATION OF CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WHEN THE COURT SYSTEM CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT STABILIZING ROLE UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION. JUSTICE MAIDAMMA WOULD BE A RESPECTED AND ARTICULATE VOICE IN INTERPRETING U.S. CULTURE TO HIS FELLOW NIGERIANS. THIS GRANT WILL SUPPORT OBJECTIVES I AND III.

AVAILABILITY DATE FOR US VISIT: AWAITING REPLY TO REF.C.

ALTERNATES: (1) MR. JUSTICE AKINOLA AGUDA

CHIEF JUSTICE

ONDO STATE

(2) MR. JUSTICE HU'AZU MOHAMMED

JUSTICE OF HIGH COURT

MINNA, NIGER STATE

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